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Dockets Management Branch(HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Subject: 02N-0278 Docket

Dear Branch:

As a Food and Cosmetic Inspector for twenty-eight(28) years and am also commissioned by Your Agency, I fully support the Prior Notice of Imported Food Shipments.

In addition to the suggestions I proposed in the letter I wrote to You on January 31, 2003, I also propose the Following:

1. In All Shipping Containers(not just Food) an Air Sampling Port must be installed.
2. This Air Sampling Port must be able to be tightly closed(leak proof) and secured with a Numbered Seal before leaving for the United States.
3. An Air Hose attached to an Air Evacuation Pump must be in place and turned on before the Seal is broken and the Sampling Port is opened upon Inspection in the United States.
4. A Trained Dog, Investigator, Machine and/or Laboratory would inspect and/or analyze the Air.
5. The Container would be detained if the Air was observed to be suspicious.
6. In the documentation of each Product being Imported should be the Statement "Manufactured under the Supervision of _____" who is responsible for any discrepancies.
7. In the documentation of each container that is Imported should be the Statement "Loaded under the Supervision of _____" who is responsible for any discrepancies.
8. All Seal Numbers at the point of loading must be included in the documentation and be faxed to the Import Agent. All the Seal Numbers should be verified before allowing the Container into the United States.

In closing, I appreciate your consideration. I have worked with the FDA over the past twenty-eight(28) Years and am knowledgeable of Your Import Inspection Program.

If You have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 803/355-6009(Beeper)

Sincerely,

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